## BOYS OF CORNWALL

As Jolly a Lot as Can be Found in Christondom.

WAKEMAN DESCRIBES THE LIFE

Led by These Youngsters Their Boy ish Pranks and Games-Forbidden Pleasures The Christmas Time-How They Learn to Work.

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pecial Correspondence of the Intelligencer. Chowan, Connwall, Nov. 28.—It is Special Correspo "talk and a seat," as Cornish folk themselves say, that is a word and a blow. and oftener the blow first, discipline of Cornish children, and particularly Cornish boys.

The girls of Cornwall give nobody trouble in early life. They are little automatons in youth, silent as pagan stone circles in girlhood, voiceless and blushing thereafter until wedded, when they at once develop such strength of character, temper and tongue that half the men of Cornwall are known individually as "Jinny's Jack," and in raillery

are prected with the inquiry:
"How's the woman as owns 'ee?"
Whether or not the boys require rough treatment, they get it. They seem to expect it. And they thrive under it. They are all boys of parents who labor severely, and whose fathers before them for more than a thousand years have drudged and striven in the same sturdy way. Sentiment in child-training is here unknown. A drill-hammer, a hob-nailed boot, or a huge

obedience set the entire village in an

uproar.
The Cornish boy is not permitted to The Cornish boy is not permitted to imagine himself proficient. One boy I know, apprenticed to his grandfather, the village joiner and undertaker, had made a lirtle dove-tailed box with hinges, lock and key, in which to store his pennies and other boy treasures. He was naturally proud of the achievement, and asked the old man if the work was not well done. The latter immediately proceeded to kick the top-aspiring lad from one end of the village. A lad envious of his honors to the other. to the other.

A COMPARISON.

As a rule our American boys have a keen ambition to do, be, or possess something, and are encouraged in such ambition. 1 cannot find a trace of this in Cornwall. Its boys simply exist until old enough for endless labor, and then take their places unflinchingly in the dangerous fishing boat, on the farm, or in the mine, the hardest working and the most blunt, rough and honest men in the world. Still in their way and within their rig-

orous conditions of life, the boys of Cornwall are perhaps as jolly a lot and secure as much rough boyish enjoyment as the lads of any other country in the world. Their costume from the age of four to about ten is peculiar, and gives them the appearance of rudely dressed girls. Their feet are shod with light hob shoes, over which short coarse woolen stockings are always hanging. A bare reach of shin intervenes between these and the canvas and corduroy trousers. Over the latter is a skirt, as with the boys of the west of Ireland, reaching to the knees. Trousers and skirt hang from a rough woolen waist; and over all is a loose "saved," or saveall, of canvas or coarse muslin, some world. Their costume from the age of and over all is a loose "saved," or save-all. of canvas or coarse muslin, some-thing after the pattern of a short smock

adequate supply of what he is forever demanding in the form of "trecie mossel." He means treacle and a morsel of bread, and the happiest hours of his life are employed in its consumption. He has lew "chores" or errands, his chief labor being to supply the household with water. This is brought in buckets or delft pitchers from long distances, from a half mile to two miles, from "pen-stalks," springs, or ancient Celtic holy wells; and this he manages to convert into diversion, as he is never without company.

ZITS:

Lea, ore, igery, chen.

Lea a bone, ten or eleven; spin, span, must be done.

He leads the followers into every weird and ghostly lane, by deserted mines, through graveyards, and overywhere his daring and ingonuity can take his own strong legs. He is "leader" every night until he succeeds in evading capture, when the same counting-out process is repeated.

FORDIDDEN PLEASURES.

BOYHOOD PLEASURES.

The Cornish boy, either while skirted or when he has reached the cordupoy age, is never lonesome in his little abors or in his various sturdy pastimes. All Cornish folk live in communities, more about in groups, and even emigrate in crowds. Cornish fishers live in villages; miners are universally found in little mining towns; and from three oa four to a dozen farmers with their steadings and tiny farm houses are hust ded close together. So there are a score of young "Cousin Jacks" in the smallest hamlets; and the advantage and pleasure of numbers are invariably possessed. Their few enjoyments are thus the heartier; their roystering the more boisterous; and their opportunity for that ceaseless round of harmless mischief which is the crowning glory of all true and healthy boyhood, is delightfully increased.

Indeed the most marked characteristic of the Cornish boy ishis endless participation in mischief. It never goes the length of brutality and harm; but it is as though his whole year were a mild form of Halloween license; and it often seems divinely ordained as a compensative form of punishment and socurge to those deserving occasional reminder of pennury, meanness and irrascibility. The "passon," as the village rector or curate is called, must lead a most godly file to escape this. A stingy shopman looses more than generosity would otherwise deprive him of. A sceld is peculiarly the object of their attentions. A drunkard, who is hated in Cornwall almost as thoroughly as a stranger, never knows peace. A misorly farmer who shuts his fist and door to the tender old custom of Cornish folk for an annual outing, find much diffiled for the high the participation in this between the part of the charge ring the bar of the charge ring the winder the participation in this battle with the rooks, they on the first the for

culty in securing one good day's "shoot" for their city friends in all their vast prozerves.

The games and pastimes of Cornish boys are distinctive, and are markedly different from those of boys of the same quality elsewhere in England. For instance, football, the universal boys' game of England, is altogether unknown in Cornwall. Cricketing is only kept up through the continued efforts of the Church of England curates. But site-dlying is a passion with all Cornish kept, up through the continued efforts of the Church of England curates. But kite-flying is a passion with all Cornish loys. It even extends to men. I have seen many a miner, after his long day's toil "below grass," scated upon some old pagan menhir or tor above his village home, smoking his short pine, and in a kind of grave rapture flying a kite aller than himself, in an endeavor to outdo a similar achievement on the part of his own boy and other village lads.

Two Cornish boys' games are universal, endless and very ancient. These are "foe-stones" and "cob-nutting." The first is played in all open roads, paths and streets, and the second in any place under Cornish skies where two rival lads can secure room enough a which to crouch down and swing their stout little aras. In "toe-stones" a diagram similar to the one chalked on leek for "ship-billiards," with a rounded end like that of a bagatelic board, is rawn in the road; and the game consists of kicking with the left foot, the ight foot being always held in the ight hand, a round flat stone from the approaching line from one space to another, but never over but one line, clear around the entire thirteen spaces, and out again, without once having dropped the right foot. The little fellows become wonderfully expert in this difficult feat.

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COB-NUTTING.

"Cob-nutting is an all-the-year-round sport. Much of its zest comes from the training is here unknown. A drill-hammer, a hob-nailed boot, or a huge fist goes along smartly with the reprimand. Disobedience is almost unknown. Whenever it occurs it is a nine-day's wonder to the entire village. Recently I witnessed an instance in a mining village. A miner had given his boy a command.

"I we'nt do't!" replied the lad stoutily.

"Tha wusn't, ch?" Well, if the doesn't, I'll give th' a thump in the nudeck (back of the neck)!"

The words were not out of the father's mouth before he had knocked the boy senseless by a blow in the "nudeck." No one expressed surprise at the treatment, and the boy was left where he fell until his senses returned, when he marched straightway to carry out his father's command. But the astonishment and horror at the boy's disobedience set the entire village in an appear. langers in securing the nuts necessary

the latter being preferred. The shoe-maker of the village is consequently an almost revered personage with all Cor-

cencies.

Then there is always the "cob-nutter" champion to vanquish, which is the constant effort of all other boys of the village. A lad envious of his honors will sidle up to this champion with, "Less ha' a go aw cobnuts."

"Yes, there's a mind to," is the rejoinder; and at it they go, squatting wherever the spirit of battle overcomes them. Ties are drawn for first "crack." The looser throws his hat upon the ground, and lays his cob-nut in a little hollow on its top. Then the "cobber" or striker, holding his cob between the ends of the fingers of his left hand and the end of the attached waxed-end in his right, after many feints, motions and "sights," brings his cob with almost the force of a bullet upon his opponent's. One or the other is "scated" or broken. It is turn and turn about. Generally one of the lads has his entire steck of reverse cobs, destroyed. The victor drily remarks,
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stroyed. The victor drily remarks,
"Wass think of un now?"
"Here, my son, arten't through.
Wait a minute, wust ce?"
He rushes to a friend for another

supply with,
"Here, Jack, lend us one o' tha cob-nuts, wust ee?"
"Wassa matter witha?"

"Yes smocken all t'lems. Ef thees give me thine, Ill seat ce!"

And so this Cornish game of cobnuts has gone on since good King Ar-

all, of canvas or coarse muslin, some thing after the pattern of a short smock frock. The head-gear is supplied by the discarded caps or billy-cock hats of fathers, with the best of ventilation always provided.

Another game or pastime of Cornish boys is the "Long Hunt," distinct from but bearing some resemblance to the 'Hare and Hounds' chase so famous with English boys at Rugby and elsewhere. Moonlight nights are selected for this stardy and aften grewsome stowards him consist in providing an adequate supply of what he is forever demanding in the form of "trecie mossel." He means treads

FORBIDDEN PLEASURES. "Rook-day" is one of the happiest lays of the year for Cornish boys. The Cornish boy, either while skirted days of the year for Cornish boys, or when he has reached the cordured Lords of manors throw open their for

escape. But not one is left alive; and I have known of six bushels of these hapless starlings being thus taken in one night.

CHRISTMAS TIMES. There are many other ways and occasions whereby Cornish boys find rude and hearty pastime. Christmas is a feast-day pure and simple. The Christmas bun is then their acme of delight. Each parish also has its annual parish feast-day, when friends from other parishes come, and all the Cornish games are played with wonderful zest. In Whitsun' week come the "vagrom men," with their wild beast shows, from London, and from an immemorial custom all the lads go out for miles with cudgels and horns to escort the "vagroms" into the village. Then there are "Taking Sunday" at Clowance Park, and Mazard Fair at Praze, and Furry Day at Holston, and the great fires of St. John's Day, when the old pagan blood asserts itself and leaps in their veins as they jump through the blazing rings or dince with lighted torches flaring and flaming above their and hearty pastime. Christmas is a torches flaring and flaming above their But in time the working days begin.

But in time the working days begin. The boys are at once installed as fathers' "labbots," or helpers, in the mines. They bring swab-sticks and water for swabbing the drill-holes; take the dulled drills above ground to the blacksmith shops for sharpening and return them; bring the "croust," or lunch to their fathers when the "touching" or her bring the "croust," or lunch to their fathers when the "touching" or her bring the "croust," or lunch to their fathers when the "touching" or her bring the "croust," or lunch to their fathers when the "touching "or her bring the "croust," or labeled the bring the bri lunch to their fathers when the "touch-pipe," or rest and bit of food, is taken; helpshovel and wheel ore to the "skip;" learn to "twist the drill" and then to "strike the drill;" and finally have be-come full-fledged miners that "knaw tin." During their "labbot" days in the mines these Cornish boys are reck-oned the most recklessly daring cubs in all England. They seem to descend the shafts by the man-engine, having a the shafts by the man-engine, having a the shafts by the man-engine, having a wild and startling way of their own. At the corner of each shaft is a "man-hole," with stationary ladder from top to bottom, with smooth, half-round sides and wrought-iron "rungs." Springing upon these like monkeys the boys slide from one "sollar," or landing, to another, their hands just touching the slippery sides and the toes of their hob-nailed shoes beating the iron rungs with a horrible "whir-r-r-r!"—the numbers engaged in the lightning -the numbers engaged in the lightning like descent causing deatening and shrill thunder, as though the iron ratchets at an hundred ferries were clinking and screaming simultaneously. Edgar L. Wakeman.

THAT PARIS FUND.

Sult Brought Against McCarthy for It. Mrs. Parnell a Co-Defendant.

London, Dec. 11 .- Mr. Justin Mc Carthy, as sole surviving trustee of the Paris fund, (Mr. Parnell and Mr. Bigger being the two deceased trustees) has been served with a writ at the suit of Messrs. Timothy Harrington and John Redmond, Clancy, O'Connor, Kenny and Richard Lalor, all of whom are members of the l'arnellite faction of the Irish parliamentary party, who claim that the funds are subject to a trust in favor of themselves and other members of the National League. The petitioners request the removal of Mr. McCarthy from the trusteeship and pray for the appointment of a proper trustee.

Mrs. Parnell is included in a writ as

co-defendant as administratrix of her husband's estate. Mr. McCarthy, when spoken to in regard to the action brought against him, said that no pro-ceedings in an English court could affect the control of the funds. He stated that his own suit against Mr. Munroe, the Paris banker, in whose custody the funds were placed by the trustees, to recover the money will be reached by Easter. McCarthy declared that he did not entertain the slightest doubt as to the success of his suit.

France and the Religious Question Paris, Dec. 11 .- It is expected that the government will this afternoon, the government will this afternoon, during the debate on the attitude of the government towards the turch, announce to the Chamber of Deputies its willingness to introduce shortly a bill dealing with religious associations, but not involving the separation of church and state. It is also reported that M. Fallieres, minister of justice and public worship, to whom the Archbishop of Aix sent the letter which led to that prelate's prosecution and conviction on the charge of insulting a minister, will announce his resignation from office. It announce his resignation from office. It is said, however, that this action on the part of M. Fallieres is in no way due to dissensions in the cabinet.

Got Very Little Booty.

SHINGLE SPRINGS, CALA., Dec. 11.—The office of the Wells Fargo Express Co., of this place, was robbed last night by two masked men who covered the agent with pistols and compelled him to surrender the keys of the safe. The robbers secured only a watch and ninety dollars in each and then fled. The sheriff and a posse are in pursuit.

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A Righteons Bill to Be Presented. London, Dec. 11.—The municipal authorities of Cambridge, have decided to present a bill to parliament at its to present a bill to parliament at its next session, limiting or abolishing the jurisdiction of Cambridge. This is due to what the numicipal authorities consider an excess of zeal on the part of the officers of the university. By the terms of the charter the university enjoys special powers and privileges which the numicipal authorities think ought to be abridged or done away with altogether. Among other powers the university has the right to imprison in the spinning hence women or girls who are found walking with Cambridge students within certain limits. This power has been exercised frequently.

A Damper on Shipping Interests.
London, Dec. 11.—Much alarm is felt in shipping and commercial circles because of the resignations of the under cause of the resignations of the under-writers at Lloyd's. Three more gentle-men engaged in the marine insurance business have concluded to withdraw, as their losses have been very heavy, and yesterday they tendered their res-ignations. This makes a total of seven-teen underwriters who have with-drawn from the society of Lloyd's with-in a few weeks, and the effect upon ship owners and shippers is not at all reassuring.

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Twelve Lives Lost at Louisville. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 11.-The miss ing men supposed to be in the ruins of the candy factory returned to their homes yesterday and the record closed with eight lost at Mennes's and four at the Boone Paper company's. The search has closed. The total loss is now placed at \$500,000.

Nine Victims of the Fire.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 11.—Nine is now the number of killed in the Shepard block disaster, instead of eight, George Morrison, whose skull was frac-tured, having died at the city hospital

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